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Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [340]

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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SHIPPING.**
Agents,
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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

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The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS
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payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
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Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$33,333.33.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

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ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.**

THE Undersigned as AGENTS for the above
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CHANDISE by STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS
from Hongkong, China, and Japan to all parts
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ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 18th May, 1883. [393]

FOR SALE.

PRICE \$1,000 ONLY.

A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER RESIDENCE
in MACAO, comprising BUNGALOW
with spacious FLOWER and VEGETABLE GAR-
DENS, occupying a cool and healthy situation
and commanding a magnificent view. Excellent
spring water, and sea bathing only a few yards
distant.

For Particulars, apply to

J. NEVES & SOUZA,
Pharmaceutical Chemists,
Macao.

Macao, 12th April, 1883. [331]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

**HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

MR. H. R. H. MARTIN, has been ap-
pointed MANAGER of the above Com-
pany and takes charge from this date.
(Signed) P. RYRIE,
Chairman Local Committee.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1883. [384]

NOTICE.

MR. CARL F. STIEBEL will hold Our
Power of Attorney and Sign the Name
of OUR FIRM from this date.

DEETJEN & Co.
Hongkong, 29th May, 1883. [416]

NOTICE.

MR. JEHN ROSSELET is AUTHORIZED
to Sign Our Name per procuration from
this date.

J. ULLMANN & Co.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [389]

To be Let.

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms)
with GARDEN, in Mosque Junction. The
above has Gas and Water laid on; and im-
mediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel. [18]

TO LET.

FOR ONE YEAR from June next, the New
BUNGALOW at the PEAK on R. B. Lot
20, now roofed in and nearly completed, the
property of Mr. J. ENSTON SQUIER.

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BIRD & PALMER.
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [307]

TO LET.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
late occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1883. [7]

TO LET.

A SMALL DWELLING HOUSE at No. 3,
Upper Ladder Street Terrace, Four Com-
modious and well Ventilated Rooms, with a large
Bath Room and Kitchen attached. Water laid
on. The House commands a full view of the
harbour. Rent \$15 per Month.

Apply on

THE PREMISES.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1883. [385]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE DIRECTORS are now prepared to
receive TENDERS from suitable persons
for a term of FIVE YEARS, for the lease of the
HONGKONG HOTEL, with FURNITURE com-
plete.

The Building (together with a powerful pas-
senger lift) will comprise after the proposed
alterations and additions have been completed,
viz—

THE BASEMENT.

Two Grand Entrances from Pedder's Street
and Queen's Road. Bar, Billiard, Reading and
Smoking Rooms with separate Entrance from
Pedder's Street.

A handsomely fitted up Ladies' Room, for the
use of visitors and others.

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FIRST FLOOR.

A Public Dining Room capable of dining up-
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ONE LARGE BREAKFAST ROOM.

FIVE elegant and beautifully fitted up suite
of ROOMS, consisting of a Private DINING
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TEN Bed Rooms with a Bathroom to each.

SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS.

Have each 26 lofty, well ventilated and lighted
Bed Rooms, opening on to large Verandahs with
a commodious Bath Room for each room.

All the Passages and Corridors throughout the
premises are wide and well lighted, most of the
furniture will be new and made expressly for the
climate.

The special attention of Hotel Keepers and
others is drawn to the unusual advantages
offered.

Tenders to state sum per annum, and to
include taxes. No Tender under \$3,500 per
annum will be entertained by the Directors.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1883. [292]

MR. MOORE begs to recommend his
GOGO SHAMPOO WASH

to the public as unrivalled by any prepara-
tion ever produced for promoting the growth
of the hair. The basis of this compound is
made of soap root; the natives of the Philip-
pine Islands, however, use anything else for
washing their hair; they are never found bald,
and it is quite common to see the females with
hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using
this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will

NEVER BE BALD.

The proprietor offers the Wash to the public
entirely confident that by its restorative pro-
perties it will without fail arrest decaying
hair. It completely eradicates scurf, dandruff,
and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not
contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling
properties it allays the itching and fever of the
scalp, which is the great cause of people losing
their hair.

Mr. Moore has succeeded in being able to
put this wash up in bottles without allowing it to
ferment, and he will guarantee it to keep any
length of time in any climate.

FOR SALE ONLY BY MOORE & Co.,
Variety Store,
Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [321]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST LANDED.

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SWEET CAPORAL, CAPORAL FULL CAPORAL, STRAIGHT CUT, SULTANA with
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NEW ENGINEERING BOOKS, AND A QUANTITY OF AMERICAN NOVELTIES
NEVER BEFORE IMPORTED.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1883.

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NEWEST DESIGNS IN PRINTED SATEENS.

PLAIN SATEENS ALL COLORS.

WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.

SPECIAL LINE OF NUNS' VEILING.

AT 45 CENTS PER YARD, ALL COLORS.

CHILDRENS' WASHING SUN HATS and BONNETS.

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of the most Fashionable Description.

LACE GOODS IN FISHUS, COLLARS, and COLLARETTES.

CHILDRENS' WHITE MUSLIN and EMBROIDERED DRESSES.

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&c., &c., &c.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1883. [360]

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NEW SPRING GOODS.

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WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.

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NUNS' VEILINGS in every Color.

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GALATEAS for Boys' Washing Suits.

WHITE INDIA MUSLINS.

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BLACK and COLORED SUNSHADES.

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NEW PATTERNS in POMPADOUR SATEENS.

Plain Colored SATEENS in every Shade.

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Specialties in ZEPHYR CHECKS.

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Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS & BONNETS.

A Choice Selection of FLOWERS.

OSTRICH TIPS & FLATS in Light Colours.

INSTANDS in Great Variety.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1883. [249]

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SELECTED LIST OF CHEAP AND

LIGHT LITERATURE.

25 CENTS EACH.

John Inglesant.....J. H. Shorthouse.

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Robert Falconer.....George MacDonald.

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Home Sweet Home.....Henry Farmer.

The Keel Row.....Henry Farmer.

Swiss Air and Gentle Zittella.....do.

Sounds of Joyful Sonambula.....do.

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The Miniature Boy.....G. Jacobl.

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Life let us cherish.....do.

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ARRANGED FOR THE VIOLIN AND PIANO.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1883. [600]

G. FALCONER & CO.
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS
AND
JEWELLERS
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS
CHARTS AND BOOKS.
No. 45, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [434]

**HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.**
REGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER
ALWAYS ON HAND.
L. MALLORY,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [459]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM- SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

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are hereby notified that their Goods are being
landed and stored at their risk in the Company's
Godowns at Wanchai, from whence delivery may
be obtained, on Countersignature of Bills of
Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 2nd
proximo, will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1883. [1]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES,
PERFUMERS,
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OFMANILA CIGARS,
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AND
MANUFACTURERS
OF

AERATED WATERS.

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
24, NANKIN ROAD, SHANGHAI.BOTICA INGLESA,
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW. 13

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*, and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

MARRIAGE.

On the 26th May, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A., Colonial Chaplain, Cecil William Holliday, Esq., to ELIZA SELINA COPE, eldest daughter of J. Cecil Phillippo, Esq., M.D., Kingston, Jamaica.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 31, 1883.

THE WAR IN TONKIN.

DEFEAT OF THE FRENCH AND DEATH OF COLONEL RIVIERE.

Three days ago a Reuters telegram was received from London, dated May 27th, which stated that a French sortie from Hanoi had been repulsed, and that the garrison had urgently applied for reinforcements. By advices received direct from the scene of action we are in a position to confirm the news of the defeat of the French, and also to give some interesting information respecting the disastrous engagement, and recent proceedings in Tonquin. As our correspondent was an eye witness of the principal events described, the information supplied to us can be implicitly relied on.

On the 14th instant, the steamer *Ruri-mari*, which has recently been chartered by the French authorities at Haiphong to convey troops, stores, &c., from that port to Hanoi, arrived at the latter port, with a reinforcement of 250 men. Continuous firing was at this time going on between the French in the Hanoi concession, which has been strengthened by earthworks in addition to the usual defences, and the Black Flag marauders who are posted in great strength in the outskirts of the city. Strengthened by the arrival of the new troops Colonel Riviere determined on a resolute course of action, and on the afternoon of the 15th at 3 p.m. a detachment of French troops crossed the river, and after a show of resistance on the part of the enemy, burned down several Chinese pagodas which were on the opposite shore. Early next morning a reconnaissance in force was made, and the Black Flags opposing the advance a desperate engagement ensued in which the French were completely victorious, killing about 100 Chinese, capturing five pieces of ordnance, and driving the enemy before them.

Encouraged by this success, and doubtless annoyed by the incessant shelling of the concession by the Chinese, Colonel Riviere determined to make an attempt on a larger scale to drive back the Black Flags, so on the morning of the 19th instant a sortie was made by two companies of French soldiers under the command of Colonel Riviere himself. In crossing a small bridge the French were caught in ambush by an overwhelming force of Black Flags, armed with German breech-loading rifles, and after a fierce struggle, were driven back in confusion with a loss of some 50 killed and wounded. Colonel Riviere and four other officers were killed and eight officers wounded. The commandant was mortally wounded when attempting to cross the bridge, his assailant firing from below, where a strong body of Chinese was posted. A desperate attempt was made by the French to recover the body of their commander, but it proved unavailing, and they were driven pell

mell into the concession where the utmost consternation prevailed at the unexpected disaster.

From the 19th to the 25th the Chinese have been daily shelling the town. On the 25th the French transport *Drac* arrived from Saigon with 500 men—a reinforcement that was urgently needed. Admiral Meyer has assumed the supreme command in Tonquin, and when our report left was actively making preparations for vigorous offensive operations. It was rumoured in Haiphong that owing to a rapid rise of the river the French gunboats had been enabled to shell numerous villages, where detachments of the Black Flags were posted. The French fleet is still lying in Fitt-long Bay, a few hours sail from Haiphong. So far no regular Chinese army is reported to have crossed the Annamese frontier, but it is believed that a large force of braves from the Kwang-tung and Kwang-si provinces are encamped on the borders. The rumour that Li Hung-chang is coming from the north with a hundred thousand trained soldiers from Chihli has reached Tonquin, and has created quite a sensation.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, May 30th.
GREAT BRITAIN AND MADAGASCAR.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in reply to a question said that the Government had not protested against the action of the French in Madagascar.

THE TENANTS COMPENSATION BILL.

The House of Commons has read a second time the bill for giving compensation to tenants.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The expenditure of the Canadian Government last year exceeded \$45,000,000.

We would remind the members of the Victoria Recreation Club that the annual general meeting will be held at the Bath House, this evening, at 6 o'clock.

PROMOTION is always rapid in the German army. In times of peace officers of the higher grade commit suicide because their pay is too small. This lets the small fry up.

The cattle of the South American pampas are computed at 20,000,000. They are the descendants of a bull and eight cows which were brought there by two Portuguese brothers in 1553.

A NEW French gun is twenty-nine feet six inches long, weighs fifty tons, and costs \$120,000. It is wire-bound, and is expected to put a ball through fifteen inches of armor at a distance of seven and a half miles.

The steamer *Oceanic* will leave the Cosmopolitan Dock to-day, and the American bark *Esport* will unload at Kowloon. The British ship *Cambridge* will come out of the Aberdeen Dock to-morrow.

MRS. CARLYLE bitterly regretted having married an author. Young ladies who have a newspaper reporter on a string cannot be too cautious. No personal allusion intended to the reporting geniuses of our local contemporaries.

HUGH O'NEILL, of Scotland, a seaman, was up before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of assaulting Mr. S. Harland, chief officer of the steamer *Vespatian* yesterday. As the complainant did not show up to prosecute, his Worship discharged the pugnacious Scot.

AN Englishman shooting small game in Germany said to his host that there was a spice of danger in shooting in America. "Ah!" said the host, "you like danger mit your sport. Then, you go out shooting mit me. The last time I shoot mine brudder-in-law in the schtomack."

The raising of the steamer *Carlsbrooke* has at last been accomplished. The *Carlsbrooke* was towed over to the Cosmopolitan Dock this morning by the steam-tug *Fame*. The chains and wreckage are being cleared away preparatory to a survey being made, and tenders for repairs to the vessel are being prepared. It is expected that the *Carlsbrooke* will go into dock to-morrow or Saturday.

A SPANISH magistrate shocked and exasperated by repeated proof of the adulteration of food in his district, has issued a proclamation: "Affairs with righteous wrath declaring that 'all articles in the shape of wines, groceries and provisions, which on examination and analysis are proved to be injurious to health, will be confiscated forthwith and distributed to the different charitable institutions.'"

Just as Mrs. Langtry, in the character of "Rosindell," had pronounced the words of the epilogue, "I would kiss as many of you as had beards that pleased me, complexions that like me," and was exhibiting her most comprehensive smile to a Cleveland audience, a gallery gambler shouted, "Oh, Freddie!" with a gusto which quite spoiled the effect, but sent the people home in good nature.

A LETTER from Honolulu dated April 5th says:—The O. and O. steamship *Oceanic* came in upon us with some 500 Chinese quite unexpectedly, and we understand there are some 6,000 more on the way here. The Hawaiian Government is about to take steps to prevent the landing of such a crowd of Chinese Coolies; we need a few for cookey, etc., but we are fairly well provided with field hands by the Portuguese and German immigration.

We hear that Messrs. Kelly and Walsh of Shanghai sold the first prize ticket in the Manila lottery for April, the same firm in Yokohama having parted with the lucky document in the "Government swindle" for the present moment. "We do not approve of the Manila lottery dodge, and think it a rotten system of investment; however, the fact of Messrs. Kelly & Walsh having been the vendors of the lucky number for two months running will give the knowing members who understand the rule of chances an opportunity of working out the odds against that firm being the holders of the winning ticket for June.

The land torpedo, an invention of one Lieutenant Zolowitz, is to be employed by the Austrian military authorities on an extensive scale. This invention is expected to prove the most deadly engine of modern warfare. It is about the size of an ordinary shell, only much lighter, and it requires no special technical knowledge to manipulate. It is proof against the weather, and can be used under water. Its adoption by the Austrian army is apparently based on the advantages it offers for blocking mountain defiles covering a retreat, and reinforcing positions occupied prior to or during a battle.

WRITING under yesterday's date our Canton correspondent says:—The final heat of the single lawn tennis handicap, promoted by the Shiamien Lawn Tennis Club was played yesterday between Mr. W. Holland (scratch) and Mr. H. F. Dent (half 15 and 2 disques), the best of 21 games to win. The match was splendidly contested from start to finish, being one of the finest exhibitions of lawn tennis play we have seen here this season. The game resulted in favor of Mr. Holland by 11 games to Mr. Dent's 10. The final of the double-handed handicap will be played to-morrow or Friday between Mrs. Holwell and Mr. Mitchell (scratch) and Mr. and Mrs. Holland (receive 15) when the latter pair should be victorious.

REFERRING to the recent newspaper warfare between John L. Sullivan the American champion pugilist, and Mitchell the well-known English middle-weight, the *San Francisco Call* observes:—The friendly feeling does not seem to exist between those two eminent men—Sullivan and Mitchell. From time to time expressions have been attributed to each of them, which implied a doubt of the heroic qualities of the other. The latest expression comes from Mitchell, who invites Sullivan to insult him in the street, that he may "chastise the American champion as any common braggart should be punished."

The United States is a large country, but it does not seem large enough for two such great men as the Boston pugilist and the English middle-weight boxer. If these two men should travel towards each other, the only way by which they could pass without a convulsion, would be to conceal their identity from each other. It is, perhaps, a matter for regret that the requirements of modern civilization will not permit the appropriation of a portion of the public domain as a resort where men of this class can go and be extinguished. The principle of the survival of the fittest should be rigidly applied to such resort, if one were established. Aspirants for the honor of being the fittest should be let in one at a time, and never let out. There would always be one champion, though there might be frequent changes in the personality of that important person. The news dispatches should simply inform the public that this or that aspirant had disappeared in the resort, and there let him rest. If a Kilkenny cat-fight were in progress, it should not be reported. In this way, we might always have one nuisance in the form of a pugilist champion, but not more than one. Being a large and tough country, we might stand one, but two are intolerable.

OUR attention has been directed to a paragraph in Tuesday's *China Mail* above the signature "Cuttle," referring to Mr. Lewis of the Mastodon Minstrels. "Cuttle" writes:—"The Mastodon Minstrels do not appear to have made their horses here. I hear that one prominent member of the Company is, or was, being kept at the colonial expense through neglecting to pay himself (sic) for his maintenance." A more disgusting outrage on decent journalism than the above has never come under our notice. Apart altogether from the evident falsehood of the statement, it is quite an innovation to comment in this fashion, in what pretends to be a respectable newspaper, either on a man's misfortunes or his private affairs. However, Mr. Lewis can personally well afford to utterly ignore this scandalous infringement of the well-known rules of journalistic etiquette, this cowardly attempt to injure the good name and reputation of a deserving servant of the public, who is well and favorably known throughout America and Australia. For our own part we think that this anonymous local journalism, which is only a mere pretence to allow two or three conceited prigs to air their ignorance and under the safe cloak of anonymity, metaphorically stab in the back persons whom they dislike, has about run its course, and the community generally is of our opinion. We can safely assert that in no newspapers in the world, save in our scurrilous contemporaries, are outsiders permitted to anonymously run riot in gross slanders and insulting and abusive personalities without check or hindrance, and to make a public press the vehicle of displaying their likes and dislikes for certain persons and things. It cannot be said that the contributions of such writers as "Banian" and "Cuttle" possess any noteworthy literary merits, or are of the slightest value as interesting items of general intelligence. Nor can they even claim to be either practical or intelligent comments on current events. Where then is their *falsum dicitur*? If "Cuttle" and "Banian" pay the *China Mail* and *Daily Press* for being permitted to outrage the proprieties under a *pseudonym*, and in truth very few newspapers would care to publish such stuff even as advertisements, it would be quite as well that the community should know the truth. However, it is our duty to protect the public as far as we possibly can from being made the victims of such ribald pens as that of "Cuttle," and we should fail in that duty if we allowed such a disgraceful interference with a matter that has no interest whatever for the outside world, as that alluded to above, to pass unnoticed. We have not the remotest idea as to the identity of the miserable crew who write under the name "Cuttle." If any person can favor us with reliable information on the subject, "Cuttle" will most certainly be favored with more publicity than he ever dreamt of. It would be a pity to allow such a chaste flower to continue blushing unseen at the praise of his own loveliness.

THE Legislative Council met this afternoon at 2.30, when there were present His Excellency the Governor, Sir George Phillip (Chief Justice), Mr. W. H. Marsh, C. M. G. (Colonial Secretary), Mr. E. L. O'Malley (Attorney-General), Mr. Alfred Lister (Colonial Treasurer), Dr. Stewart (Registrar General), Mr. J. M. Price (Surveyor General), and Messrs. P. Ryrie and F. Bulkeley Johnson (unofficial members). As the business of the sitting had not been concluded when our report left, we leave it over until our next issue.

MINING in Prussia is making gigantic strides, and makes Germany an easy third in the world, Great Britain being first and the United States a good second. The total product of all the 1879 Prussian mines in 1881 was 60,350,787 metric tons, valued at \$81,589,500, against 57.7 million tons, rated at \$78,000,000 in 1880. The Prussian mines employ 258,857 persons. Germany is now wholly or nearly independent of English iron and steel, and has become a large exporter of montane products, with the exception of the precious and some minor metals.

The following letter speaks for itself:—
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Honolulu, May 10th, 1883.F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, Esq.,
H. H. M. Consul,
Hongkong.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the letter dated 13th March last in which you inform me that you have been requested by the Committee of the Hongkong Race Fund to forward to His Majesty King Kalakaua a cup to be run for at our local races.

I have now His Majesty's command to ask you to convey to the Committee His thanks for this courteous memento of his visit to Hongkong, and to say that our annual meeting will take place on June 11th proximo when His Majesty hopes that there will be a spirited competition for the cup.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
WALTER M. GINSON,
Minister of Foreign Affairs.SAYS the Sydney *Bulletin*:—"Young Salway, who has carried off the first prize for the designs for the new Melbourne metropolitan railway station, is a native, and the natives are very proud of him. He served his time to Messrs. Reed and Barnes, and it is currently reported in architectural circles that the plans for the Melbourne Town Hall were chiefly designed by Salway when in Messrs. Reed and Barnes' employ. After completing his apprenticeship, Salway started on a travelling tour, taking England, the Continent, America, and China in his trip, and now he returns to his native Victoria to carry off the prize designs for a work that represents nearly a quarter of a million sterling, upon which his professional commission of 5 per cent. will turn in a handsome sum." The young Salway referred to in the above paragraph will be remembered by this community as the junior partner in the firm of Wilson and Salway, architects, surveyors &c. Mr. Salway made but a short stay in Hongkong, and during his residence here did not elicit the inhabitants with his grand designs. It would appear that Mr. Salway kept his talents for the hand of "tripe and trotters," where his old dad keeps a sixpenny "hash house."

LI HUNG, a hawker, was brought before Captain Thomsett this morning to answer the charge of assaulting a coolie, in conjunction with others who were not apprehended, on the 23rd instant. Wong A-kai, the coolie in question, stated that on the 23rd instant at 8 a.m., in Jervois-street, as he was on his way to the market, the defendant and others seized him by the queue and knocked him down and pounded him furiously. One of the men cut his head. When he got on his legs he missed a bag which he had on him containing \$20. He could not say who took it away from him. He went to the Central and lodged a complaint. This morning he espied one of the deprecators on the Praya, so had the party arrested. He knows the defendant well enough as he and defendant had a quarrel a year ago. Ho Aing, a shopkeeper at Yau-mai-ti, stated that on the 23rd instant he heard a great noise in Jervois Street as he was passing by. On turning round he saw the defendant and five others tackling the complainant who was on the ground. The men took to their heels after soundly thrashing Mr. Wong. He went up to the complainant when the others ran away, and was told that he had been robbed of a bag containing money. The defendant, stated in defence that he had a quarrel with Wong about a year ago. On the 23rd instant he met his old antagonist in the street when their previous grievances were referred to and a quarrel ensued. His Worship sent the hawker to the "Retreat" for a term of 6 weeks' hard labor.

"ARCHER'S SURPRISE PARTY AT THE CITY HALL."

The company of popular entertainers who are known as "Archer's Surprise Party" gave their opening entertainment in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, last night to a rather thin house, the extremely hot weather doubtless preventing many of our playgoers from venturing out after a late dinner. We were personally sorry to see such a comparatively small audience, as the performance generally was worthy of more substantial patronage. However, what the audience lacked in point of numbers, a certain portion of it did their little utmost to make up for by displaying vivacity of a kind unusual in this colony. To speak plainly we have never previously witnessed such disgraceful conduct on the part of the audience at any public performance in Hongkong. Let us not be misunderstood; our references do not apply to the entire audience, but only to half a dozen ill-bred rowdies—men who hold their heads high in society and claim to be gentlemen—whose scandalous behaviour would not have been tolerated for an instant even in the lowest "gaits" of London and New York. From the first rising of the curtain to the conclusion of the entertainment the performers on the stage and the onlookers in the auditorium were alike subjected to the coarse inter-

ruptions and inane vulgarities of these facetious persons, and the inevitable result under such circumstances that the performers had no chance whatever of appearing at their best, whilst the vast majority of the audience, which included many ladies, were deprived of all pleasure and comfort. There were no doubt policemen in the building, and had Mr. Archer not been a stranger in a strange land it is reasonable to suppose that, in his own interests, he would have taken the readiest means of getting rid of the nuisance by having the rowdies forcibly ejected from the theatre. But Mr. Archer is a stranger here, he had heard everywhere of the cultured tastes and refined and well bred audiences of Hongkong, and was doubtless so thunderstruck at proceedings which would disgrace a low pot-house in the back slums of a modern Alsatia, that he could think of no available means to protect his company from insult, and the audience from being grossly outraged. However, both "Archer's Surprise Party" and the play-going public in Hongkong have a right to protection from rowdism—no matter how high toned the rowdies may consider themselves—and as the police authorities have probably no cause to interfere, we shall take it upon ourselves to do all in our power to present a repetition of last night's onslaughts.

A certain preventative would be to give the gentlemen who tried so hard to distinguish themselves in vulgar blackguardism to the discomfort of the public, all possible publicity, by publishing their names in full, and holding them up to the ridicule and contempt which their conduct merited, not only in Hongkong but in every port of the Far East. We shall not hesitate to adopt this course if need be—*malgré* the Libel Act—but we think such an extreme measure will not be required. An appeal to the common sense of the delinquents will probably prove equally effective. Professional artists who come out here to amuse us, do so at considerable expense; their public exhibitions are their only means of earning a livelihood. Any attempt to injure the prospects or reputations of public performers by proceedings such as those of last night, is calculated to deprive honest and well meaning people of the patronage of the public, which means their daily bread. In homely phrase, that is the exact position Archer's Surprise Party might have been placed in by the vagaries of our local would-be humorists. Sky-larking may be very well in its way, but under no possible combination of circumstances can it be justified when it is likely to cause material injury to anyone; how much more then is it reprehensible when it is offensive to hundreds of respectable people, and likely to prove financially detrimental to the interests of a party of public performers whose entire hopes rest on the patronage of the community? Why have we no rowdism in the City Hall when our local amateurs perform, or when the Governor and Lady Bowen are present? It might perhaps not be very difficult to satisfactorily answer that query, if the necessity arose, however, "a wink is as good as a nod to a blind horse."While dealing with this subject we may just as well grapple with the whole difficulty of the situation. The *coacetus* and soiled doves from the various "retreats" in the colony make a regular practice of attending all public exhibitions in the City Hall, and so long as they behave themselves we really are unable to see why any obstacle should be placed in their way; they are a necessary evil in every community on the face of the globe, and being accepted in that light there is no earthly reason why their lives should be arbitrarily deprived by a narrow minded Pharisaism of whatever amusement or softening influences may be afforded by entertainments of a public character. It may not be agreeable for one's wife or daughter to rub shoulders with these social *pariahs*, but the contagion from such slight association is actually more ideal than real. Generally speaking these women behave themselves in most exemplary fashion, and although they are sometimes annoyed by the importunities of shameless male followers, it is only fair to state that so far as we are aware they have never given cause for well founded complaint. As it would be manifestly unjust to needlessly deprive any of our unfortunate fellow creatures of the enjoyment of what in many cases is the sunshine of life, we have made these few observations with the hope that they may have some influence on those whose disregard of the necessary conventions of society might endanger what is evidently a highly prized privilege.And now to return to the performance of Archer's Surprise Party. Professor Hector Lacle is a ventriloquist of great and varied ability, and under more favorable auspices would in his amusing entertainment "Begone Dull Care" have made a decided hit. Even under great disadvantages Mr. Lacle proved himself no mean rival of Macabé himself, and with his "wooden-headed family" or "humorous family" won the suffrages of the audience. As an exponent of the science of legerdemain Mr. Lacle, late in the evening, showed himself to be a thorough expert. The few illusions he worked were cleverly done, the cage-bird trick especially being most artistically manipulated. Miss Lily De Vere, a very graceful *dansante* and burlesque actress, was warmly applauded for her song and dance "Violets dipped with dew," and who a varied entertainment, which included a Spanish waltz, and a couple of well known serio-comic burlesque songs, was accorded a hearty reception. Mr. J. J. Archer was exceedingly funny in "I'm going wrong for the sake of Sarah" and "Three jolly humbugs," two capital comic songs of the old-fashioned "Villains and his Dinah" style which poor old Rogers used to revel in, in the Strand burlesques many years ago. Mr. Archer is an excellent comedian; he possesses good facial expression, and sings with great humorous effect, without vulgarity and with strict attention to time and tune. The performance concluded with, "The Smith's admirable comedy 'A Happy Pair' in which Mr. Archer and Miss De Vere sustained the characters of the Honeydew. The comedy was produced under such manifest disadvantages—to some of which we have already alluded—that it would be unfair to subject the representation to criticism. Both Mr. Archer and Miss De Vere certainly worked hard under difficulties to do justice to one of the most brilliant little pieces ever written. The Company will give another entertainment on Saturday next when an entirely new and most attractive programme will be produced. There will also be a matinee in the afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, when a bill of fare specially arranged for children will be presented.

A SIX MONTHS' CRUISE AROUND HAINAN IN A CHINESE GUNBOAT.

In writing this narrative, the writer has been chiefly actuated by the desire to give those who may chance to read it, an account in a general way, of many places on the coast of Hainan. The observations have mostly been made whilst shooting in the vicinity of the different places, where the gunboat in which the writer is an officer anchored in the course of the cruise. It may be added that although there have been several papers of interest written on the Island of Hainan and its aborigines, still there is bound to be much that yet remains to be told, so that should the following sketch contain anything in the shape of useful information and be found, at all interesting it will have fulfilled all expectations.

We left Canton on the morning of December 12th, 1881, with mandarin Li on board as Chinese commandant, en route for Hainan, via Macao, and Quanghai. We had previously embarked a field battery, consisting of 30 soldiers, and one 12 pounder breech-loading Krupp gun. Leaving Macao on the morning of the 14th, we arrived off Quanghai, situated N. 3 E. of St. John's harbor, the latitude of which is 1° 21' deg. 43' min. N; longitude 112 deg. 45 min. 45 sec. E., the same afternoon. Here the mandarin's mother went on shore; she had been a passenger on board thus far, and, by the way, was rather a pleasant old lady, not at all afraid of the British officers on board, and although when she left there was a heavy swell setting in from sea-ward she appeared to have no hesitation in getting into the cutter. We left Quanghai on the evening of the 15th, under sail, having the screw shaft disconnected. There was a stiff breeze blowing, and after passing between the islands of St. Johns, and Hau Cheun, the course was made for Tong-Koo-hill. During the night the wind increased in violence to a full gale, with very heavy seas; about midnight the topsail was blown away from the bolt ropes, when orders were given to get up steam on the boilers; about 6.00 a.m. on the 16th the topsail was blown away, and as the ship had been making from 10 to 11 knots during part of the night, our commander thought we had run close to the head-land that he intended to make, and as it was thick weather, with blinding rain, he deemed it advisable to have the engines connected about 7.40 a.m. At 10 a.m. the ship's head was hove to the eastward, under a double reefed main-sail, and the fore-topmast staysail, the engines meanwhile being kept going at as great a speed as it was safe to drive them. Half an hour afterwards the mainsail burst, and the ship falling off into the trough of the sea, rolled, and labored heavily, shipping a good deal of water on deck. About this time it was amusing to look at the soldiers, who had embarked at Canton; they were all lying down on the quarter deck with an awning spread over them, and a nice suggestive of *mad d. m. m.* all around them, that was, to say the least of it, anything but pleasant to us Britishers. At noon we stood in for the land, and about half past one o'clock sighted Tong-koo hill; it being distant only about three miles. We now ran along an extensive coral reef lying a long way off the shore, intending to make Ching-lan harbor, where we had anchored once before; but, when abreast of it, the seas were breaking so heavily on the reefs, that the entrance could not be made out; so we had to run further down, and made Foong-ka anchorage, about 5 miles from Ching-lan, in a S. westerly direction, at 5 p.m., latitude 19° 24' 45 N; longitude 100° 40' 45 E.

On the 17th I went on shore in company with the captain, to have a ramble along the beach; the beach is strewn with many different kinds of shells, and bits of broken coral; a great deal of the coral has a caliche appearance. The village of Foong-ka is not very large, and the houses are nearly all built of coral blocks, the crevices between them being filled up with some kind of mortar; there is a fine large joss house here, and plenty of fresh water, a large creek running for more than a mile parallel with the beach, and then taking a direction back towards Ching-lan. All along the beach are rows of cocoa nut trees, extending inland about a quarter of a mile; these trees appear to be planted in this fashion from a little to the south of Tong-koo hill, to about twenty-five miles, in a southerly direction, from Foong-ka.

On the 18th I landed about three miles south of Foong-ka, in company with the captain and first lieutenant, for a shooting excursion, and we struck right inland. After passing the cocoa nut trees we came on ground fairly well cultivated, the greater part of it being turned into rice fields. We passed several villages, all occupied by Chinese; many of the farm houses were in good order, and close around them, on the higher ground, were many potato and peanut fields. We returned to the ship about five o'clock with a very poor bag; there are few birds to be seen, and although we must have been six or seven miles inland, we saw no trace of any kind of game. At daylight on the 20th the vessel left under steam, and passed the island of Yihow about noon. We could see the wreck of the German steamer *Quina*, still in the same position as she was when we were there in November. Proceeding on to Leo Sing Bay, we came to anchor about 2.40 p.m. This is the nearest anchorage to the town of Wanchow, which lies inland about nine miles. You can anchor within five hundred yards of the beach in three fathoms; but there is no shelter, except from the north wind. There is a salt water lagoon about 1/2 mile from the beach at this place that runs for many miles almost in a line with the beach. The most of the country close to the sea is densely covered with a thorny kind of shrub about three feet high; there are only a few cocoa nut trees here, and these are tall close around the villages on the beach of the lagoon. I picked up some pretty shells and we shot a great many pretty partridges, golden plovers, and teal in the vicinity. On one of the hills I saw some monkeys which the natives call by the name of "Ongy." It is said that

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